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LDF REVIEW BY COUNCIL

EDDC statement says framework plans to create 16,400 homes may be reduced

By **BEN MIDDLETON**
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EAST Devon District Council (EDDC) has said it will conduct a review of its Local Development Framework (LDF) document.

As previously reported in this newspaper, the LDF document sets out plans to create an extra 16,400 homes and other developments across the district by 2026.

However, EDDC has said that the numbers may now be revised and reduced.

In a statement released to *Pulman's View*, district council leader Sara Randall Johnson said: "I said we wanted to hear from as many people as possible. I also said we would listen to and act on what they told us."

"I want to thank the many people who responded. We've taken heed of their concerns and their views are going to

make a difference. We will work through our earlier proposals in detail over the next few months and learn from the feedback we've received."

"Running alongside this review will be a careful study of the Localism Bill's proposals and we will watch its progress through parliament to ensure that we invoke not only the letter of the Bill but also the spirit of the Bill, when it eventually becomes law."

The LDF document has caused controversy across the district and a campaign group has been setup to fight the original proposals. Communities Before Developers marched on district council headquarters in November and delivered its alternative LDF document to council officials.

Speaking about the campaigners Mrs Randall Johnson added: "I do understand the concerns of some that expansion must not jeopardise our delightful east Devon environment. I couldn't agree more."

"We now believe some of the housing and employment building estimates may have been too high and I have ordered a complete review of this strategy - with a report due in the summer."

A spokesman for the district council confirmed that the EDDC planning policy team would start work on a revised LDF document in the New Year and that a new report would be finalised by the summer.

"It's hard to create a document that is a definitive guide to development over a decade and a half. This is always going to be an organic document that shapes and bends in line with the very latest thinking," said Mrs Randall Johnson.

"Once we have completed this review, and have analysed feedback we received from the recent LDF consultation, we will be seeking further public comment on our revised proposals."

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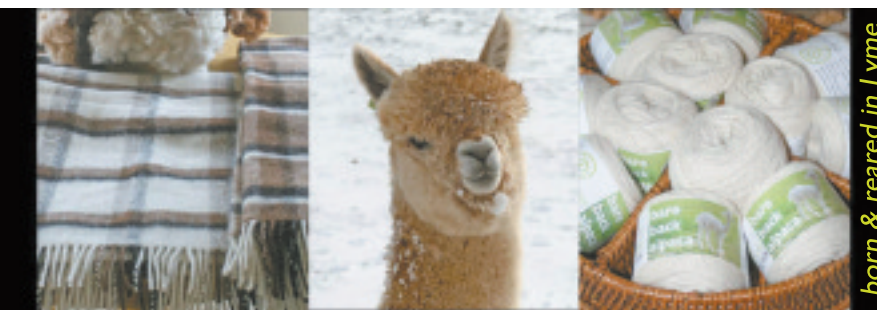


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IT'S that time of year when you start to think about New Year's resolutions.

With Christmas been and gone and 2011 now upon us, *Pulman's View* has asked local representatives for their highlights of 2010 and what they would like to see happen across the district in the next 12 months.

Peter Fleming, mayor of Honiton, said he wanted to thank all the community groups in the town.

He said: "I would really like to thank all the people in the town who give their time for nothing to the help the community. The different youth groups in Honiton deserve a mention, they all contribute to the town in some way."

"Honiton Community College is getting more and more involved with the community and that is such a good thing as well."

"I think in the next year we are going to be in for a lot of hard times. I don't know what services East Devon District Council (EDDC) are going to cut."

"But we also have a lot of things to look forward to. I am hoping we can resolve the parking issue in Honiton, that would be something positive."

Alan Davis, vice chair of Colyton Parish Council, said: "In 2010 we have had some great achievements in Colyton. We have got the affordable housing scheme in Seaway Head off the ground, despite some minor problems. As a project that has been very successful."

"Something else to be proud of is the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre and it has been a tremendous effort by many people to get that. Hopefully we will see it fully completed in 2011."

"We have the elections coming up in May and I hope there will be plenty of people who want to get involved and stand as a parish councillor."

Glyn Dobson, mayor of Ottery St Mary, said he was looking forward to a number of projects being completed in Ottery in 2011.

He said: "We will have the footbridge over the river Otter completed next year and this is something I am extremely pleased about. It will provide a safer access for people who want to get to the hospital and for people going to The King's School."

"The Sainsbury's supermarket will be completed next year as well, in fact it will be completed around the same time as the footbridge so that is another bonus for the town."

"The highlight of 2010 was opening the new council offices and police station. There has also been a good contribution from all businesses for the Christmas lights."

"I am really looking forward to the next year."

Bob Palacio, mayor of Seaton, said: "One of the highlights for me this year was meeting John Rudman. His father had his picture taken in Seaton in 1944 before he departed for Europe, that was a very profound moment."

"The neighbourhood beat team have done some fantastic work engaging with young people in the town and the police cadets have really put themselves out there this year and this is excellent work by everyone involved."

"I would like to see the Section 106 money allocated to Seaton spent in the next year and I would like to thank Julia Roebuck for working with EDDC to get the money. I hope that the swimming pool and all ages gym equipment can be completed within the next few months."

"I am hoping to go out on foot patrol with PCSO Chris Bolsover and make contact with young people and maybe we can find some means of enhancing their lives in Seaton."

Ron Jones, mayor of Axminster, said: "All we have achieved in 2010 is excellent for the town, the problems that we had with the Old Courthouse have been overcome and we have a deputy clerk installed which is all positive."

"In 2011 we have got to look ahead and see what the electorate feels is best for the town, because at the end of the day we are guided by the town. I would like to wish everybody a healthy New Year."

Town mayors look to the 2011 future



◆ SIAN Summers, Arthur Doherty, Freddy Doherty and Bethan Summers outside the igloo

Snow place like an igloo home

EUGENE Doherty took the recent snow madness to the extreme by not only building an igloo, but also spending the night in it.

When asked for a comment, his wife Sam said: "He is Irish. He has always been mad."

Mr Doherty and his helpers started work in the afternoon of Monday, December 20th, and the job was completed around midnight.

But instead of making himself comfortable in the house at Frogwell Farm in Smallridge, Mr Doherty decided to

make the most of his creation by sleeping in it.

He said: "I had a sleeping bag and ordinary clothes. It was very cold."

"I had a feeling it would warm up, but it never did."

"But it was an interesting experience."

Utility blaze

FIRE CREWS from Honiton and Ottery St Mary were called to reports of a blaze in a utility room at a property in Payhembury.

The incident took place just before 9pm on Tuesday, December 22nd, in the Barrow Road area of the village.

The crews had to travel to the incident at a reduced speed because of the snow and icy conditions on the roads.

A spokesman for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service said: "Fire control received a call reporting a dishwasher on fire in a property in Payhembury and sent appliances from Ottery St Mary and Honiton to investigate."

"All of the vehicles had to proceed at reduced speed due to the treacherous road conditions."

"On arrival crews reported that there was a fire in the rear of the property. The fire involved a dishwasher and spread to other appliances. The utility room was severely damaged by fire and the rest of the property was severely damaged by smoke."

"Crews isolated the electrics and moved the appliances to the open air."

The spokesman added that four breathing apparatus and two hose reels were used to extinguish the flames.

Chimney fire

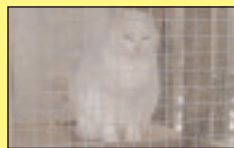
A SMALL chimney fire was reported at a property in Mill Street, Ottery St Mary, on Monday, December 27th.

The incident took place just after 10am and a fire crew from the town attended the scene.

The crew used chimney gear and small tools.

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SNOW JOKE

Art pupils wait for sponsorship cash as weather puts presentation on hold

By **ANDERS LARSSON**
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FIVE students will have to wait a little longer for sponsorship because of the recent poor weather.

Each year, Axminster Arts uses profits from the arts café in the Old Courthouse to sponsor students who attended local schools before entering higher education to study one of the arts.

This year's chosen ones were set to be presented with £250 each on Monday, December 20th — but the presentation was cancelled because of the weather.

It is hoped the presentation can be held in the first week of January instead, and Axminster Arts

Committee secretary Jenny Fells explained that the sponsorship will help the students to pay for course work materials/equipment.

She added: "The five award winners represent a good cross-section of the arts and they have all successfully completed their first term in higher education"

They are:

•Robin Lane, who attended Holyrood School in Chard and is now studying film production at the London Metropolitan University

•Jodie Miller, who attended Axe Valley Community College and is now studying fashion design at Falmouth Art College

•Mia Shurey, who attended Colyton Grammar School and is now studying fine art at Somerset College

•Chloe Stratta, who attended Colyton Grammar School and is now studying music at Manchester University

•Taryn Taylor, who attended Colyton Grammar School and is now studying drama at the Oxford School of Drama.

They will hold a joint exhibition at the Axminster Arts Café during their Easter holiday in April 2012.

Those currently studying in a local Sixth Form and applying to study one of the arts, starting in the autumn of 2011, might like to apply for this year's Young Persons' Award.

Application forms are available from the arts café or by emailing jennyfells@btinternet.com

The closing date for application is August 1st 2011.

Drivers forced to find another route during store road closure

RESIDENTS in Seaton will be forced to take an alternative route when a road closure is put in place to allow the Tesco pipeline to be erected.

As previously reported in this newspaper, Tesco will be using a pipeline to bring its infill material in from the sea to the site of its new supermarket off Harbour Road.

The supermarket giant will be applying for a road closure close to the site so that the pipeline can be erected. A second road closure will be needed when the pipeline is dismantled.

A spokesman for Tesco said:

"Planning consent was granted earlier in the year for the site to be filled bringing materials in by sea, rather than by road. In order to do this a pipeline has to be erected to bring the material in by sea to the site.

"There are two points on the pipeline route where a bridge needs to be constructed for the pipeline to be raised over a road.

"To enable this work a temporary road closure has to take place. An application is to be made to Devon County Highways for this work to be undertaken.

"The section of the highway that would need to be closed is from the junction with Riverside Way and

Trevelyan Road to the entrance of the harbour.

"This work will occur at two separate times, when the pipeline is erected and dismantled."

The spokesman added that the application will cover a period of time from Monday, February 14th, until Monday, February 28th, for the erection of the pipeline and from Monday, April 11th, until Monday, April 25th, for the dismantling.

"The work itself will only take one day, in each instance, but it is standard practice to apply for a longer period so that a particular day within that period of time can be chosen," said the spokesman.

Recommendation for tree programme

PLANNERS have backed a tree management programme at Colyton House by recommending approval, with conditions, for a planning application.

A TCA (trees in conservation area) application involving a total of five trees has been submitted to East Devon District Council (EDDC).

The plan is to reduce three trees and fell two.

Colyton House is located in Vicarage Street, Colyton, and the application will be heard by

EDDC's Development Management Committee on Tuesday, January 11th.

The trees involved are Holm Oak, Pittosporum, Walnut, Eucalyptus and Cypress.

The first three will be reduced and the last two felled if the application is approved.

An EDDC report stated: "The trees are all growing from within the grounds of Colyton House, a Grade II listed building.

"It is only the Holm Oak which has any possible historical context

in relation to the setting of the house or its landscape.

"The proposed works were all the subject of a pre-application meeting.

"The works concur with those considered as being appropriate for the individual trees' condition and location. With the exception of the Holm Oak, the trees do not make a significant contribution to the setting of the house or the quality of the treescape.

"The works to the Holm Oak are appropriate to its long term management and maintenance."



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Public involved in air quality plans

THE general public will get involved in Honiton air quality improvement plans at the end of January.

As previously reported, a corridor along Honiton High Street (from the A35 and A30 junctions at the top of town to the Turks Head A30 junction) was declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in September.

The reason is road traffic pollution levels at the Turks Head junction, and East Devon District Council (EDDC) is in the process of creating an action plan.

Detailed pollution readings were not included in an EDDC statement issued on Thursday, December 23rd, but a spokesperson did say: "Tests have shown that the air quality in this area is below the accepted standard, so the council plans to involve residents in creating an action plan to tackle the problem."

"The current air quality is not a serious danger to health, but could aggravate some existing breathing conditions."

"EDDC, like all local authorities, has a duty to check the air quality in its area, to conform with UK and EU regulations."

"EDDC wants to investigate ways of improving air quality in a corridor running alongside the main street through the centre of Honiton."

"The public will be closely involved in the process, which starts at the end of January."

"This will involve using sensitive monitoring equipment to make further air quality checks in Exeter Road, High Street, King's Road and Monkton Road, holding exhibitions and issuing questionnaires to people living in the affected area."

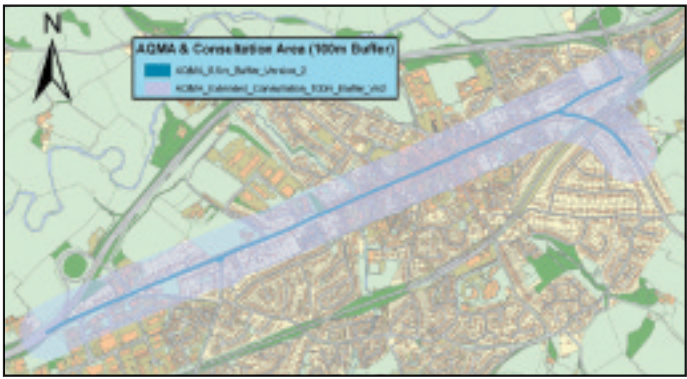
This process will last until some point in March, and EDDC will use the public consultation process to help decide what steps can be taken to improve the air quality.

The spokesperson added: "The width of the area stretches 6.6 metres from the road centre line."

"We are not proposing to make any changes to individual homes or businesses."

"We aim to take positive action along the road itself and beyond – and we will ensure that larger developments do not make the air quality worse."

◆ AIR quality management area map



◆ PENE Davis with award winners Naomi Glennie and Steven Apsey

Awards for top readers

TWO youngsters have been presented with awards at Axminster Library.

Naomi Glennie, five, earned herself a Gold Book Crawl certificate for making 40 visits to the library.

Pene Davis, of Axminster Library, said: "BookCrawl is a scheme for young children to encourage them to visit the library."

"They collect stickers and certificates as they go until they reach the gold certificate, which means they have visited the library at least 40 times."

Steven Apsey, 12, received a Book Track certificate for reading 100 books under the Book Track scheme.

In doing so, he completed a hat-trick as it was the third time he had read 100 books under the scheme.

A Christmas Day lock-in

A CHRISTMAS Day drama took place at a property in Heals Field, Axminster.

Children had been accidentally locked inside the property and the incident took place just after 11.30pm.

A fire crew from Axminster attended the scene and liaised with the parents of the children and gained access into the property via a window. The crew used small tools and a short extension ladder to free the youngsters.

Stuck in lift

FIREFIGHERS in Axminster and Colyton were called to release two people stuck in a lift at a property in Chard Street.

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◆ TOP right, pupils at Stockland Primary School put on The Jolly Christmas Postman in the parish church. Left, Shute Primary School pupils are pictured. Right, Payhembury Primary School put on a nativity play with a time travel twist. Above, Membury Primary School put on a performance of the play Christmas with the Aliens in the village hall



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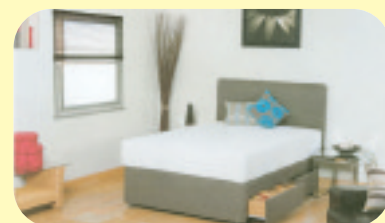
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◆ TOP left, Hawkchurch Primary School put on its nativity play in the village church. Far left, a group of angels in Honiton Primary School's Christmas production. Left, Seaton Primary School put on its nativity play in the school hall. Pictured are the sheep in their woolly costumes. Above, the pupils at Mrs Ethelston's Primary School in Uplyme put on their nativity play in the parish church. The nativity story tellers are pictured

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Runaway car hits woman

A WOMAN was taken to hospital after being struck by a runaway vehicle in an Axminster car park.

The freak accident happened in the afternoon of Thursday, December 23rd in the car park outside the West Street Co-op branch.

A couple arrived by a car and parked on the top of a slope.

The driver switched the engine off and applied the hand break before leaving the vehicle to go to the ticket machine.

But the car park was covered in ice and the car slid down the slope.

The female passenger was still in the car, but couldn't stop the vehicle.

The vehicle struck a woman before coming to a stop when hitting a barrier. Police stress that the driver did everything he should have done by switching off the engine and applying the hand brake.

The lady who was struck required hospital treatment and was discharged on Christmas Eve.

Pair 'wreck' cash machine

A SUPERMARKET'S cash point was badly damaged when two people tried to smash it open.

Police say that two individuals, with covered faces, are shown on CCTV footage when approaching the cash point outside Tesco in Axminster at 2.21am on Thursday, December 23rd.

The two individuals left a short while later, but returned at 2.57am.

They left again, only to return yet again at 3.07am, attacking the cash point machine with a crowbar-like object. Officers at the scene described the cash point as being "wrecked".

At the time of going to press, it was unclear if any money had been taken.

The repair cost is estimated at £7,000.

Man arrested in drugs bust

A MAN was arrested after he was found in possession of 27 wraps containing what is believed to be amphetamine.

Police stopped the man in Chard Street, Axminster, in the early hours of Christmas Eve.

A search revealed the wraps and the man was subsequently arrested.

He has been bailed pending forensic analysis.

Power cable road closure

FALLEN power cables caused a road block in Ottery St Mary on Friday, December 17th.

The incident took place at Yonder Street, between Furzebrook and Spring Gardens.

The road was closed for approximately an hour, between 11am and 12noon, and police diverted traffic away from the scene.

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By BEN MIDDLETON
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DOZENS of people gathered at Seaton beach on Bank Holiday Monday, December 27th, for the annual Boxing Day dip.

The event took place on December 27th because Boxing Day fell on a Sunday.

Hardy souls from across Pulman's Country braved the arctic conditions and plunged into the Seaton sea.

Many of those who took part in the dip were raising money for charity, including Axminster Young Farmers' Club members who raised money for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.



Pulman's

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View from the churches



THE new year started for some with prayers on January 1st at 12noon. At Colyton, members of the local Methodist church joined with others at the parish church for these prayers.

Over at Branscombe the menu is a church walk at which all were asked to support with a bring-and-share lunch.

The next evening, Sunday, January 2nd, Southleigh church held its annual carol service which had been postponed from the original date in December owing to the snow and ice.

For those without a pocket church diary for 2011, these are available on sale in all the churches of the Colyton

benefice — at £1 each. Names and telephone numbers of officers in the benefice are listed together with a record of all Sundays in the Christian calendar and all major saints days.

Father Michael Koppel Roman Catholic Priest at Axminster said: "After Christmas, Epiphany, and the story of the Magi is one of those we all know and love.

"But it's the meaning of the story which is really important. Because it reveals Jesus as the Saviour who was born for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. The Magi were pagans. And yet God revealed to them, in the terms they could understand, the fact that Christ had been born.

"So what's the moral of Epiphany for us? Maybe part of it is this, that those who actually first respond to the call of Christ are often those we'd least expect to!"

St Andrew's Church, Colyton, marks the Epiphany with a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, January 16th at 6.30pm, in place of the usual Evensong.

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke twice over the Christmas Festival. Firstly was in his Christmas Day sermon in which he questioned whether the rich in our society were bearing the full share of the economy cuts, and was accused by some of taking a political stance. Then on

Boxing Day came a suggestion from Archbishop Rowan that the church has resources of people who are willing to be volunteers in the service of society, and that governments can't create that sort of motivation, though volunteers need its support. He cited Greece as a society where the church started a culture of social volunteering. He continued that while Britain does not face the same level of disaster, the Archbishop urged that the challenge is there already.

Perhaps the Archbishop is just the person to reawaken the voluntary spirit that is a noble feature of our heritage, and that now is a very good time to start.

Praise for the hospital help during snow

HEALTH bosses have praised staff at Axminster Hospital and members of the public who helped keep things as normal as possible during the recent snowfalls.

An unnamed farmer has been praised for bringing hospital staff to work on a tractor, and town and district councillor John Jeffery has earned plaudits for making his 4x4 vehicle available.

A spokesperson for NHS Devon said: "Nurses in Axminster went the extra mile to keep health services open.

"Staff walked through the snow to reach patients otherwise cut off due to the snow. Others were brought into work on a local farmer's tractor.

"Community spirit was very much in force in the town.

"Local councillor John Jeffery kindly gave a community nurse a lift in his 4x4 vehicle. Without his help she wouldn't have been able to see any of her patients in snowy rural areas.

Axminster Hospital matron Diane Walker added: "It is incredible how the local community rallied to help make sure our hospital and community services were still able to run.

"Our hospital staff deserve a big thank you for going that extra mile to get into work despite the treacherous weather."

Mr Jeffery said: "Axminster Hospital is such an important part of the community and it was a pleasure to be able to do my bit to help."

Ice damage to property

A PROPERTY in Ottery St Mary was damaged by ice on Boxing Day.

The incident took place just after 6pm and a fire crew from the town attended the scene.

A spokesman for the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service said: "The fire service received a call about ice on the roof of a three-storey house, the weight of the ice was causing water ingress into the ceiling of the property.

"The fire crew used a triple extension ladder and a ceiling hook to break up the ice on the roof of the property to avoid further flooding."

Building hit by flooding

A PROPERTY at Ash Grove, Seaton, was flooded on Thursday, December 23rd.

The incident was reported at approximately 12.16pm and a fire crew from the town attended the scene.

The property was empty at the time but the flood water had affected the electrics.

Small tools were used to isolate the electrics and the fire crews assisted with the removal of water from the property.



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OUT & ABOUT

● THE Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell Street, Honiton, will be holding an exhibition called **Crafty Animators**.

The exhibition will run from Saturday, January 15th, until Saturday, March 5th, and will show how animators incorporate traditional and contemporary crafts in their work and how contemporary crafts people explore animation.

Visitors will be able to take part in hands on demonstrations and will also be able to work on a piece of animation that will be shown at the gallery.

For more information visit www.thelmahulbert.com or call the gallery on 01404 45006.

● A PHOTOGRAPHY exhibition is running at Axminster Arts Café, Church Street, Axminster, until Saturday, January 8th.

The exhibition is of works by Colyton photographer Richard Nash.

Richard has a passion for using the camera to capture plants, local seascapes and architecture.

The exhibition will present a range of his work including a feature of his black and white photography.

For more information call 01297 631455.

● A DRUMMING workshop will be held at The Old Boys School, Yonder Street, Ottery St Mary, on Saturday, January 8th.

Beginners' lessons begin at 2pm and advanced lessons start at 3.20pm.

Spare drums will be available and the workshop is open to people aged 11 and upwards.

Entry costs £7.50. For more information and to book your place call 01404 814217.

● AN Epiphany party will be held at Colyford Memorial Hall on Saturday, January 15th.

The event will run from 6pm until 10pm and entrance costs £4.

Organisers of the party say everyone is welcome to attend.

Seven artists put politics into print

ART

A FORTHCOMING exhibition in Exeter will cover anything from railways to race relations.

The Politics in Print exhibition will run from January 14th-31st at Phoenix Gallery.

It brings together work by seven contemporary artists - Lucy Brett, Volkhardt Müller, Steven Paige, Gary Powell, Jonathan Velardi, Catherine Cartwright and Nicci Wonnaco - who were commissioned by Double Elephant Print Workshop to respond to the political archive resources held at Devon Record Office.

Political conspiracy and intrigue was the focus of Jonathan Velardi's *Semper Fidelis*.

"In no other professional practice does division play such a fervent role within the world of politics," he said.

"With division lies the question of trust and it is with the simple action of loyalty, which has been the crux of many a low and high on the political timeline of Devon's history, where I have found inspiration for *Semper Fidelis*.

"The motto for the City of Exeter since 1660, these Latin words of *Always Faithful*, rang like a mantra throughout my research at the Devon Record Office."

This exhibition will be running alongside *Hopes & Fears* in the Phoenix Gallery. More information is available online at www.exeterphoenix.org.uk.



◆ ONE of the art pieces, Jonathan Velardi's *Semper Fidelis*



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Yep, the foods you throw into your supermarket trolley really can have an effect in the fight against wrinkles, make your hair glossy, and encourage an elusive supermodel glow.

Diet dramas

Fast food and sweet treats may be moreish but too much of a good thing can result in telltale signs that your diet has taken a nose-dive.

Premature ageing of the skin can be related to an excess of sugar and refined foods.

Fiona says: "Poor diet can result in poor skin health, which shows itself through dull, flaky skin and dark circles under the eyes, as well as spot breakouts."

Dehydrated skin lacking in water can quickly look wrinkled and drawn. And it doesn't matter what your skin type is, both dry and oily skin can suffer badly from the dehydration blues.

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Gorge on veg

Eating plenty of vegetables can help you stay feeling and looking healthy.

"Bright orange, red and green-coloured vegetables replenish the nutrients your body," Fiona explains. Try including tomatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes and broccoli in your diet."

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Eat more fish

"Eating fish is a tasty way to have a light, healthy meal with the added benefit of Omega-3 fatty acids," Fiona reveals.

"Try adding some salmon, trout, tuna, mackerel, sardines or herrings into your diet."

Brew a cuppa
"Sit down and have a nice cup of tea," Fiona suggests. "It will help to keep you hydrated and counteract towards your eight glasses of water a day."



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Two celebrities reveal their tips on the fashion and beauty front for 2011

Seek inspiration for your own New Year style resolution

By Lisa Haynes

New Year resolutions are never exactly a revelation. Quit alcohol, smoking or takeaways and take up the gym... the more clichéd ones are usually the hardest to keep.

With the start of a new decade looming, why not maintain a style promise instead?

Whether it's vowing to religiously remove your make-up before bed or inject more colour into your wardrobe, an achievable resolution to make you look and feel better should spell the start of a gorgeous 2011.

Anti-ageing expert Nicky Hambleton-Jones agrees: "I am not a believer in 'big' New Year's resolutions, it can be a pressure cooker striving to achieve life-changing goals like getting a new job, or losing a lot of weight - all within just one year!"

So ditch the over-ambi-

tious resolutions you'll forget after January 5th and kick off 2011 with a non-taxing fashion or beauty intention.

Our celebrities unveil their style-led vows.

Coleen Rooney, designer for Littlewoods

"My style resolution is to pick out my outfit the night before. With my own range from Littlewoods coming out in January and (son) Kai keeping me busier than ever, this will certainly make the mornings easier."

Cat Deeley, face of Pantene Pro-V Aqua Light

"Less is more. If I don't have to wear make-up, I don't. If there's no real reason to have my hair 'done', I leave it. I think if you look after yourself on a regular basis and do the prep before hand, you don't need to put lots of effort into looking good."



TV presenter and former model Cat Deeley.

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FAMILY DISAPPOINTMENT

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THERE'S not so much a whiff as a stench of desperation about the third chapter in the hugely popular Meet The Parents series, which first graced the big screen 10 years ago.

The promise of box office riches overrides common sense in every ham-fisted frame, leading to preposterous comedic set-ups involving a ceremonial carving knife and a drug to combat erectile dysfunction.

John Hamburg, who co-wrote the screenplays for the first two instalments, seems to have dusted off all of the (wisely) rejected scenes from his earlier drafts and pasted them together with a gossamer thin narrative about patriarchs on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Any sense of joy, which coursed through Meet The Parents and Meet The Fockers, has completely evaporated, leaving us with characters, who we had

come to love, desperately in search of a dramatic purpose.

Most ridiculous of all, Dustin Hoffman is sidelined for almost the entire film because his character has apparently taken a spur of the moment decision to study flamenco in Seville.

Hapless male nurse Gaylord "Greg" Focker (Ben Stiller) is blissfully in love with his wife Pam (Teri Polo) and his twins, Samantha (Daisy Tahan) and Henry (Colin Baiocchi).

The feisty daughter is giving her father the silent treatment while the boy is becoming fussy about his food. It's hassle that Greg could do without as he considers a lucrative job offer from pretty drugs rep Andi Garcia (Jessica Alba) and debates sending the little ones to the prestigious Early Human School, run by inspirational headmistress Prudence (Laura Dern).

Pam's father, retired CIA operative Jack Byrnes (Robert De Niro), continues to view Greg with suspicion and isn't sure that his son-in-law is made of the right material to lead the Byrnes clan.

"Are you prepared to be the Godfather?" Jack barks sternly.

Tensions escalate with the unexpected arrival of old flame Kevin (Owen Wilson), who has Jack eating out of the palm of his hand.

Meanwhile, Jack's wife Dina (Blythe Danner) tries to reinvigorate their staid marriage by taking advice from Greg's mother Roz (Barbra Streisand), who has her own TV show that advises viewers to "Sexpress Yourself".

Little Fockers is a crushing disappointment.

Were the cast not paid so handsomely for this nonsense we might feel sorry for Oscar winner De Niro being reduced to an unsightly protrusion, or Stiller suffering a full blast of projectile vomiting to his face.

Instead, we feel nothing but incredulity that someone didn't question that lack of a credible script before the film began shooting.

A coda set at Christmas ominously baits the hook for another film so I know what I'm asking Santa for this year: the end of the Focker dynasty.

Car factory film shown

PETHERTON Picture Show kicks off the new year with a screening of **Made in Dagenham** on Friday, January 7th at 8pm in **The David Hall, South Petherton**.

Based on the true story of the Ford car factory sewing machinists who, in 1968, after being reclassified as unskilled, decide that enough is enough and embark on a strike that brings them into conflict with their corporate paymasters, the local community and, eventually, the government itself.

Also in **The David Hall** — on Friday, January 14th at 8pm — there will be a performance by **The Sarah Gillespie Trio** featuring Gilad Atzmon. This is a co-promotion with **Sherborne Jazz**.

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Coffee meet

THE Friends of Colyton Library will be holding a **coffee morning** on Friday, January 7th.

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Tuesday, January 11th

AXMINSTER: Memory Cafe 2pm to 4pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre in Church Street.

Saturday, January 15th

WELLINGTON: Mid-Winter Walk with Blackdown Hills Walking Group. Meet at Wellington Monument car park. Walk begins at 10.30am and will be about eight miles. Bring a picnic. Walk organised by Allen Holway 01823 681522.

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Stag outcry won't wash

EDITOR — The writer of the recent letter *Let's be real about stag death*, makes an attempt to silence critics of the trophy-killing and invalidate their sense of outrage.

She reminds meat eaters and leather wearers and car drivers that animals are and can be killed in all of these normal activities.

Very worthwhile points to ponder for anyone who cares about animals. But I'm not at all convinced that animal welfare was the principle for that letter.

Referring to those against the killing, and no doubt against bloodsports generally, as 'the fluffy set' hints at more than a little bias, methinks.

So as one of 'the fluffy set' I put this to the writer and anyone who approves of the killing. When people consume meat and use the leather by-products I really do not think that they would take pleasure, much less get a thrill, from seeing an animal

killed in front of them.

It seems an uncomfortable equation they choose to live with until or unless they give meat up.

And an accidental road-kill is never less than distressing to anyone I know.

In contrast, the stalking and killing of deer, unless really essential for conservation, has pleasure and thrill as its main attraction.

Seeing the animal drop dead at being shot is the point of it. Boasting about the size of the antlers is the point of it.

In the case of the famous Exmoor stag you can be sure that someone was willing to end its life in order to have his antlers on their wall.

Please, dear writer, spare us your attempt at making an equivalence between this cold-hearted calculated activity and the others you cite. It won't wash.

Kathy Hackman
Axminster

Prayers for Christians to right peace wrong

EDITOR — The Honiton Peace Pole was erected by Christian ministers and local people in a joyful ceremony at the local Baptist church on United Nations Day, October 24th.

It was unceremoniously removed by church members within a week, allegedly after complaints that it was not Christian. No warning or consultation took place.

The 40 or 50 people who took part in the International Peace Prayer have suffered hurt and indignity; they have appealed for a spirit of peaceful dialogue.

Thousands of peace poles have been erected all over the world, I have never heard of one being removed even by vandals.

To appeal to all, these poles often contain the message of peace in different languages. This particular pole with the words *May Peace Prevail* has stood in Honiton for many years and was made by

Rev Merfyn Temple; the ceremony was his brainchild and was supported by the United Nations Association and many local people.

He is a passionate believer in peace and has served as a Christian missionary in Africa for over 30 years.

His life and work was recently celebrated at St Paul's Church, Honiton.

Perhaps there has been a misunderstanding. Whatever has occurred I appeal to those responsible to search their hearts and consciences during this festival of peace and put right the wrong that has been done.

Rev Temple has not seen this letter. He is quietly and patiently waiting for Christians to resolve this matter in a spirit of peace and goodwill appropriate to this season.

Tony Simpson
Pensioners for Peace
Honiton

Green Party thanks

EDITOR — Please can I send my thanks to everyone who came to the East Devon Green Party Open Microphone Night earlier this month and to everyone who has supported us across east Devon in our first year.

We will be celebrating our first anniversary in Sidmouth on Saturday, January 15th with guest speaker Paula Black — Devon County Councillor for

Totnes.

This meeting will be followed by nominations for candidates for the local elections in May 2011, so if you are reading this and feeling like its time to make a change in your community, please get in touch via www.sharonpavey.org

Sharon Pavey
Coordinator, East Devon Green Party
Honiton

Tale of councils' busy year ahead

EDITOR — Three Funerals and a Wedding.

In 2011 Devon County Council and East Devon District Council have arranged three funerals for the readership of this local newspaper.

The first takes place in March with the death of Seaton's Fore Street.

The council's decision to impose parking charges on The Esplanade has seen daily parking fall from an average of 50 vehicles daily to a maximum of seven at any time.

A policy supported by Tesco. Result, 14 empty shops in Fore

Street that heavily relied on shoppers visiting Seaton. A death by starvation.

East Devon's second funeral will take place in June with the death of Axminster's West Street.

Heavily reliant on shoppers driving from far flung villages, the installation of parking meters and the council sanctioning Tesco to double its store size in order to stock new ranges currently sold in the independent shops, will penalise everyone.

A death by mugging.

The last big funeral sees the

shocking death of Honiton with the High Street riddled with parking meters, each costing £2,000.

These machines will prevent both passing visitors and shoppers from supporting local shops especially those that require a car to collect items too heavy to carry.

Its motive? To drive shoppers to free parking at Tesco.

These decisions are taken by people who do not understand the local economics of rural life, only the self greed of profit at the expense of society.

Death by bankruptcy.

Oh, and the wedding?

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TONY JACKSON

**How wildlife survives the freeze**

SO here we are in a new year but, as you may appreciate, due to the exigencies of publishing my column has had to be written before Christmas, so I can only hope that by now the worst of the winter freeze is over and the countryside is returning to some form of normality.

If, by ill-fortune, the bitter weather currently holding Britain in an iron grip is still with us as you read this, then wildlife, birds in particular, will be suffering severely.

The mortality amongst birds which depend on access to water for fish, and soft ground for insect life, will be high. Kingfishers, egrets, robins, wrens, blackbirds and those with similar lifestyles will be amongst the worst hit. Hopefully, however, the worst will be over and the countryside able, once again, to provide a living for man, beast and bird life.

One wonders how raptors, such as buzzards, are faring in the freeze. Sparrowhawks will, no doubt, be surviving in practical fashion, but for buzzards little remains but road-kills and any carrion they can find.

While the freeze was at its height, while driving on a main road near Dorchester I saw a buzzard land in the road ahead of me, intent on a rabbit carcass and seemingly oblivious to the traffic.

I have yet to see any fieldfares or redwings, though mistle-thrushes have been in evidence as they sought

the mistletoe berries on my apple tree.

Meanwhile, I have, as promised, delivered an oven-ready cock pheasant to our esteemed editor, Kate, and trust she and her husband will enjoy this superb natural fare.

Currently, I have three brace of pheasants hanging in the shed, but in view of the freezing temperatures, I have no intention of plucking and dressing them. They might just as well be in a deep freeze. I did, however, prepare a brace of woodcock for the table, birds which were surprisingly plump and fat.

One of the most delicious of all game birds, a 'cock takes only about 25 minutes in the oven and, of course, its trail or entrails should not be removed, but spread on a slice of toast with the bird sitting on top. Yummy!

I suspect that west Cornwall, which has apparently enjoyed slightly warmer temperatures and less snow in parts, may have had an influx of woodcock, driven west to seek soft ground where the birds can search for their staple diet, worms. Certainly, whilst I have been picking-up with my Labrador bitch over the past few weeks I have noted that woodcock numbers have been in short supply compared with the previous year.

Now, what lies ahead in 2011? Well, if you have an interest in conservation and would like to know more, Dorset Wildlife Trust is running a new conservation skills programme beginning in the new year

to train people in the practical work that is essential in order to conserve Dorset's wildlife and habitats.

If you are interested in wildlife and nature and have an aptitude for practical outdoor work you could be working with wildlife wardens throughout the county, using chainsaws and brushcutters to help protect rare habitats.

The programme has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, no formal qualifications are required but preference will be given to young people aged between 16 and 25.

The one-year placements will be in conjunction with reserve management teams at Kingcombe Meadows in west Dorset, the Urban Wildlife Centre in east Dorset and also with the mid-Dorset area team at Brooklands Farm headquarters to work on sites in north Dorset, Purbeck and south Dorset.

Obviously, the programme offers the opportunity, in an apprentice capacity, for a potential career in conservation, so if you would like further information call Steve Davis on 07970 552659 or email him at atsdavis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.



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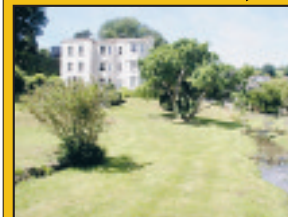
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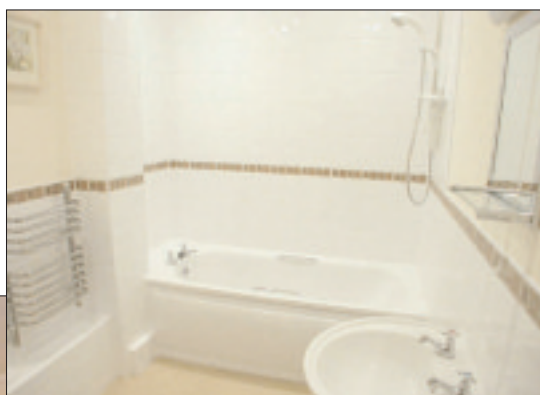
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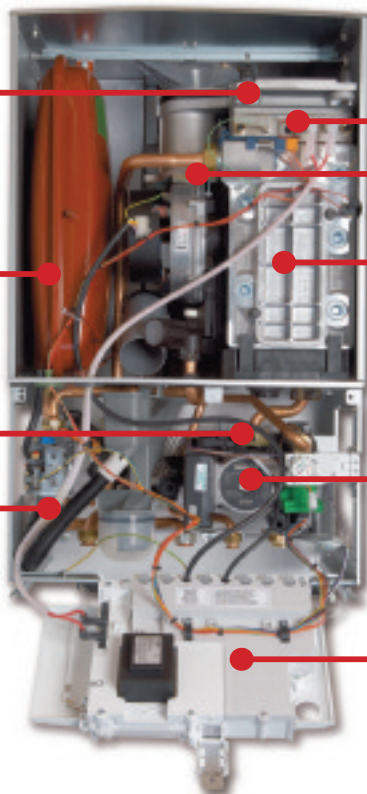
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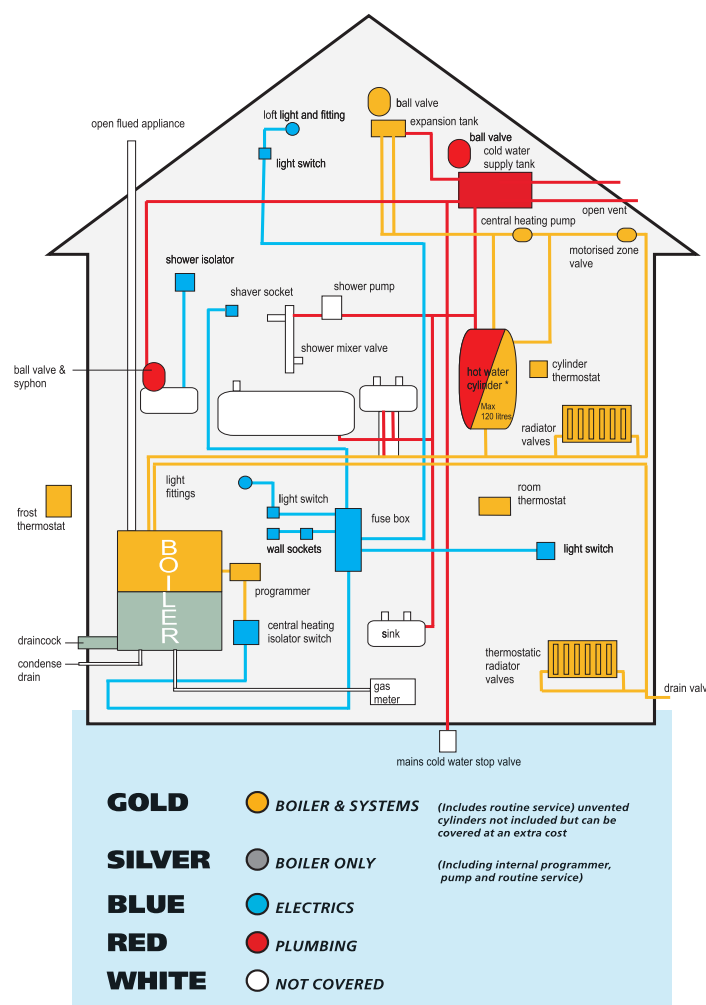
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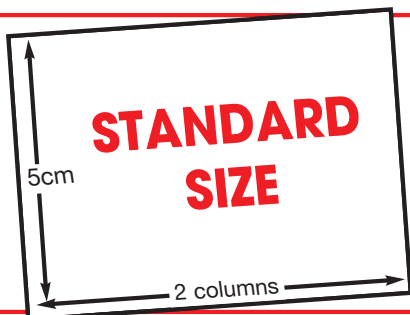
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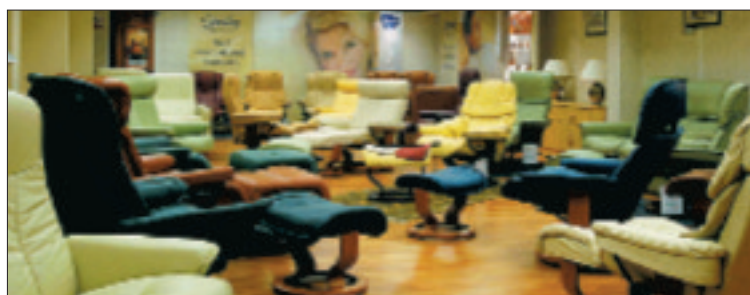
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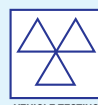
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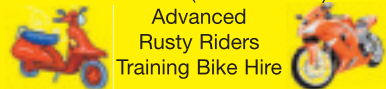
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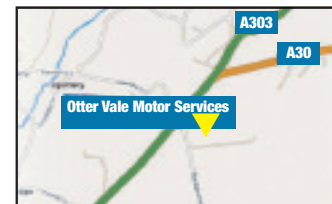
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PERRY STREET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Top title race wide open in second half

By KEVIN FAHEY
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THE Perry Street Premier Division title race still looks wide open as the second half of the season gets underway.

Merriott Rovers open 2011 as leaders with an impressive eight wins from their nine games yet even that record is eclipsed by South Petherton who can boast an unblemished seven wins out of seven.

If they can maintain that form then they will be the team to beat as they seek to regain the title they last held in the 2007/8 season when they strung together a hat-trick of championship triumphs.

With seven wins and a defeat from their opening eight matches Beaminster are level on points with South Petherton and Shaun Annetts

side certainly cannot be discounted. Looking quickly at the table it would seem the title is a three-club race as there is then an eight-points gap to Lyme Regis in fourth. But remarkably going into the new year Robin Townsend's side have only played six games and if the reigning champions hit their best form – and they have yet to do that according to the manager – then they will be right back in the mix.

Having played a game less Ilminster Reserves will also reckon they are in with a shout but points on the board are better bet than points on paper and of all the leading clubs South Petherton's new manager Gordon Childs will feel the most confident as the business-end of the campaign gets underway.

Next weekend's clash between Division One leaders Winsham and third-placed Millwey Rise could be a

pointer towards that title contest.

Both teams are unbeaten in the league to date, with Winsham boasting an impressive seven wins out of seven and Shane Featherstone's Millwey five wins and a draw from their opening six matches to trail by five points with a game in hand with Crewkerne Town in second.

If Millwey can get something from Saturday's game that would really throw open a very tight Division One competition that looks like being a very close run affair.

Beaminster's current strength in depth is underlined by their reserve team sitting top of Division Two and Robin Ormsby's side will be hard to dislodge.

With maximum points from eight games Misterton Reserves are looking strong in Division Three while Hinton St George Reserves lead the way in Division Four.

SOUTH WEST PENINSULA LEAGUE

Campaign kick-off

Carlsberg Peninsula South West
League Division One East
Wednesday, January 5th, 7.30

OTTERY St Mary can get their 2011 campaign off to a flying start under lights at Budleigh Salterton's Greenway Lane ground tomorrow night.

The Otters will be fired up for revenge after suffering a six-goal thrashing at the hands of in-form Budleigh in the Devon Premier Cup last month.

Coincidentally that was Budleigh's last game due to a spate of postponements caused by the bad weather while Dane Bunney's side have only managed one more game, slipping to a 4-0 defeat to Exeter University.

It leaves the Otters looking nervously over their shoulders at the foot of the Division 1 East table while in contrast the Robins' sights are firmly fixed at the top as they sit nicely in third just five points behind the leaders Appledore but with two games in hand.

If Bunney's side are to get anything out of tomorrow night's game then he will have to find a way of keeping quiet the home side's prolific strike pair of Khalid Badavi and Danny Williams.

Badavi's 17 goals, including 13 in the league, puts him second best in the league to date this season just two behind Liverton United's Danny Broadway. With Williams, who ended last season as the top goal scorer in the division with a fantastic total of 42 in all competitions, fifth best with eight league goals in a total of 13 to date it is no surprise to see why they are playing so well.

Having already leaked 44 goals this season the odds don't look good for the Otters but Bunney has been working hard at shoring up his defence and with the embarrassment of that six-goal thrashing still fresh in their minds his players shouldn't lack in any motivation in showing that they are a far better outfit than the last encounter suggested.

Hind through to Berry final

THE Seaton Crib League is having a short break over the Christmas and new year period.

Congratulations are due to the Golden Hind pub in Musbury, they are not only top of the league at present but also through to the final of the Stan Berry Cup (which has been delayed due to the snow) and also top of the Captain's Cup.

The league would welcome any new pubs or clubs in the area who would like to join. The league is, at present, halfway through the season, but a new member could join and play each week against the current teams who have a bye each week due to the odd number of members. If you are interested please contact the match secretary on 01297625952.

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POSITIVE THINKING FROM TIGERS BOSS

By **KEVIN FAHEY**

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AXMINSTER Town manager James Bennett doesn't believe that a fixture backlog will undermine his side's chances of avoiding relegation from Carlsberg Peninsula South West League Division One East.

The postponement of last week's game at Ottery St Mary means they have played just one league game in eight weeks, which hasn't helped them close the gap at the bottom of the table where they languish with

just three points from 13 games.

But at least Axminster aren't the only side to suffer from the weather and a busy start to the season means that they don't lag too far behind the other sides.

While a winning team likes nothing better than to play twice a week when you are struggling for form and with a small squad it can be difficult to break out of that downward cycle — but not according to Bennett.

"Yes, it looks like we will suffer a backlog of fixtures towards the end of the season but I don't think that is going to be too much of a problem for

us," said Bennett.

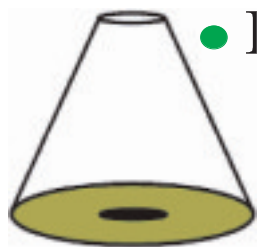
"Even if we have to play two games a week most of the guys live locally and should be able to get to games. Also I just look at this situation positively.

"With fixtures coming thick and fast it will keep the players focused on the task at hand and if we can get some momentum going then who knows what might happen.

"It is going to be interesting to see what 2011 brings to the club but I'm looking at it positively and hopefully we will start to get some good results sooner rather than later."

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